

# Jingle bells mingle with young voices in holiday song



Keeping an eye on the conductor is Kendra Komp.

Holiday time in the city brings new sounds to the air. Bells from Santas on street corners. Bells from church towers. Merry sleigh bells on doors.

This time of year jingles, lighes and clanks its way into our hearts and minds and the youthful voices of the William Grace Elementary School chorus added their own touch to these holiday sounds.

Under the direction of vocal music teacher Lil Bryant, the third, fourth and fifth grade classes performed traditional carols from around the world with the accompaniment of eight students in charge of adding music to the voices. The most recent audience for the choir were the students at Cloverdale Training Center in Farmington Hills.

There the students were invited to sing along as the choir performed the "Music of Bells."

And, of course, to end the program, the auditorium resounded with bells and voices in a rendition of "Jingle Bells."



Waiting for his cue at the xylophone is William Grace student Tom Churchill.



Lil Bryant, a vocal music teacher at William Grace Elementary School, keeps the choir in key as she accompanies them on the piano.

Staff photos by Randy Borst

## INSIDE ANGLES

**GARY'S BACK** and Farmington's got him (almost). Gary who, you ask? Gary Lichtman, brother of Fred, former president of the Farmington Board of Education and the Oakland Schools Board of Education is returning from a 3-year hiatus in California. (Just in time to shovel snow.) Lichtman returns to assume his new position as regional vice president of Douve Egberts Superior Co., an institutional coffee and beverage supplier. Lichtman will be responsible for overall sales and marketing efforts. Before moving to the Land of Jerry Brown, Lichtman lived for 16 years in Farmington Hills. He was active in the Farmington V's building drive, the Farmington Area Advisory Council, Michigan and National Association of School Boards and other community organizations. Reportedly, Lichtman, wife JoAnn and daughters Debbie and Donna are looking a homes in Farmington Hills.

**THE KNIGHTS OF Columbus**, St. Francis Hall unit will conduct a Christmas party from 1-5 p.m., Dec. 20 at the hall, 21900 Middlebelt. The program is geared for children from 1-12 years old. Donation is \$2 per child. Santa will be on hand, refreshments will be served.

**MEMBERS OF HOPE** Lutheran Church, 39200 West 12 Mile in Farmington Hills decided to dine together in a Christmas celebration Dec. 3 with a potluck supper and a tree trimming ceremony. Each family in the parish was asked to bring an ornament for the tree with the family name and the year engraved on it. Many of the ornaments were specially made for the occasion. The tree will stand in the church foyer for the holiday season. The ornaments will be used again next year and new members of the parish will have an opportunity to add their family ornament to the tree.

**JUST ROLLIN' ALONG** with Santa Claus will be the theme of a roller skating party with the oak leaf limber gent from 4-6 p.m., Dec. 18 at the adventure skating arena in Farmington Hills. Admission is \$1 and persons 12 years old or older must be accompanied by a younger child. Adults and older siblings welcome. The activity is sponsored by Adults for Kids. For further information call Brian Sprague, 855-3252.

**DETROIT BIBLE COLLEGE** will begin 1981 with a new name, William Tyndale College. Tyndale lived in England during the 16th century and his life's work was to translate the Bible in English. About 90 percent of his translation was incorporated into the King James Version. The college is located at 35700 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills.

**THE BROADHEAD** Farmington Hills VFW High honored Lutheran High, Northwest for its 50th birthday recently. The school rings a bell 50

times each day in remembrance of the hostages. The post also honored Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home for generosity toward the organization.

**FOR ALL YOU** skiers optimistically dreaming of a snowy Christmas, the Automobile Club of Michigan reports that rooms for the holidays are still available at most ski lodges in northwest Michigan. In the Upper Peninsula reservations are slightly harder to secure. All five ski areas with overnight accommodations are full except for Ski Brule near Iron River which has units available for Dec. 20-25. The AAA also predicts adequate supplies of gasoline in Michigan for those who plan to travel by car. However, be warned that only 21 percent of the state's gas stations will be open during Christmas Day.

**THE HUB 30** and Up Club will conduct its Christmas Dance from 8-11 p.m., Dec. 21 with music by Joe Stevens and his band at the YWCA Family Center, 26279 Michigan, between Beech Daly and John Daly. Their New Year's Dance will be conducted 8-11 p.m., Dec. 28. Admission is \$3 for guests and \$2.50 for members. For further information call the YWCA at 561-4110.

**THE ART** of parenting is the topic of a special program offered for four weeks in January at Providence Hospital, 16001 West 9 Mile, Southfield. "Child Development and the Art of Parenting" will be taught by Clifford F. Furgison, M.A. a practicing child and adolescent psychotherapist. Sessions will meet at 8 p.m., Thursdays beginning Jan. 8 in the Providence Medical Building. The fee is \$50 per family for additional information call Furgison at 424-3385.

**NORTH FARMINGTON** High School senior Richard B. Ellis, 17 of Farmington Hills is among 10 persons nominated by Michigan Sen. Carl Levin for a chance to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. The academy will offer an appointment to the nominee with the highest admissions scores in the spring. Ellis is the son of Donna and Robert W. of Farmington Hills. He is an honor student and is active in school sports Ellis is interested in computer programming.

**THE AMERICAN RED CROSS** dreads the holidays because it's a time of decreased blood donations and the possibility of a critical blood shortage. The Southeastern Michigan chapter will sponsor Save-A-Life Days on Dec. 27 and 28 at all nine of its blood centers. If you're still in the giving mood, of good general health and between the ages of 17-65 you're invited to donate your blood to help the chapter reach its goal of 1,000 pints of those lovely cupules. To make an appointment at the Oak Park Donor Center call 968-2255.



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